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(57) Abstract: The present invention is in the field of soybean genetics. More specifically, the invention relates to nucleic acid molecules from regions of the soybean genome, which are associated with soybean cyst nematode resistance. The invention also relates to proteins encoded by such nucleic acid molecules as well as antibodies capable of recognizing these proteins. The invention also relates to nucleic acid markers from regions of the soybean genome, which are associated with soybean cyst nematode resistance. Moreover, the invention relates to uses of such molecules, including, transforming soybean cyst nematode resistant soybean with constructs containing nucleic acid molecules from regions of the soybean genome, which are associated with soybean cyst nematode resistance. Furthermore, the invention relates to the use of such molecules in a plant breeding program.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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1-28, 55, 56, 59, 61-65, 71

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Claims Nos.: 1-54

In view of the large number and also the wording of the claims presently on file, which render it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, the present application fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT (see also Rule 6.1(a) PCT) to such an extent that a meaningful search is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear (and concise), namely the cloning of rhg1 and rhg4 as disclosed in the examples, the nucleic acid molecules and proteins of claims 55-60 and their use in plants and seeds as well as methods for the production of a soybean plant, methods for investigating rhg1 and rhg4 haplotypes and methods for introgressing SCN resistance into soybean plants involving said sequences.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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1. Claims: 1-28,55,56,59,61-65,71

Methods for the production of a soybean plant, methods for investigating an rhg1 haplotype and methods for introgressing SCN resistance into soybean plants, which all involve rhg1 nucleic acid molecules or proteins and their use in plants and seeds.

2. Claims: 29-54,57,58,60,66-70,72

Methods for the production of a soybean plant, methods for investigating an rhg4 haplotype and methods for introgressing SCN resistance into soybean plants, which all involve rhg1 nucleic acid molecules or proteins and their use in plants and seeds.

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